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CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST

About 4,978,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during August at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with last month's arrivals of 4,811,000 pounds, this represents an increase of 167,000 pounds, or 3 percent. An increase of 592,000 pounds is also shown compared with the August 1941 figure.

During August 1942, 80 classifications of seafood—fish and shellfish, fresh and salt—water—from 23 States, Alaska, and 9 provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 2,416,000 pounds were fresh—water fish, 1,872,000 pounds salt—water fish, and 690,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 3,324,000 pounds of the total August receipts; 1,654,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were greatest from British Columbia—in bond, which sent in 900,000 pounds, mostly fresh and frozen halibut.

Fresh-water species—fresh and frozen—received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during August were fresh lake trout (445,000 pounds); fresh yellow pike (291,000 pounds); whitefish (257,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species of fish were fresh and frozen halibut (771,000 pounds) and frozen rosefish fillets (482,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 460,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp, and 102,000 pounds of hard clams.